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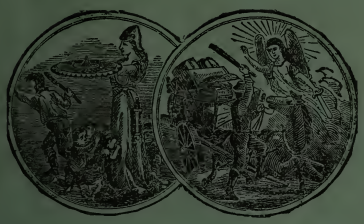

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THE WORK

OF THE

TORONTO HUMANE SOCIETY.

Objects of the Society.

THE TORONTO HUMANE SOCIETY was organized in February, 1887, and incorporated two months later.

The Society aims to have the laws enforced which are designed to protect animals and children from abuse and cruelty, and to do what it can for humane education. For its support it relies upon citizens who approve its objects, and it invites their co-operation.

It aims particularly to stop the beating, overloading, over-driving and under-feeding of animals, to stop the driving of such as are galled and disabled, and all cruelties in the transportation of live stock of every kind; also, to prevent cruelty to children, and to rescue them from vicious influences and remedy their condition.

It advocates the erection of drinking fountains, better horse-shoeing, improved cattle cars, and humaner laws. It would induce clergymen, editors, teachers and authors to advocate, each in his own sphere, mercy and justice to the dumb creation.

It asks farmers and others to protect insectivorous birds, boys not to touch birds' nests, owners

not to sell family horses to owners of tip carts; and it would invite all to study and appreciate the services, the intelligence and moral qualities of the lower creatures.

The Society invites information from all parts of the Province in regard to the treatment of animals, and especially asks citizens to report cases of neglect and cruelty. Informants are asked to give their names and addresses, but these will not be made known except with their consent. Their information will be a guide to the inquiries of the agents of the Society.

Where a case of cruelty requires immediate attention, those acquainted with the facts should communicate direct with Inspector Archabold, Police Office, Court Street. Other communications should be addressed to the Secretary, J. J. Kelso, P. O. Box 2654.

The membership fee is placed at the low figure of $1, so that none may be debarred from taking part in the work, but persons of means are urged to give liberally. Bequests are received in trust for the extension of humane work, and life membership is secured by a payment of $50. J. I. Davidson, Treasurer, 36 Yonge Street.

Special Officer Appointed.

The first step taken by the Society was to secure the appointment of a police constable to act as special officer for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Through the kindness of the City Council and Chief Constable Grasett, the work was assigned to Constable Whitesides, in connection with Inspector Archabold's department. This

constable did good work for the cause, but it was found desirable to make a change, and in July, 1888, the position of special Humane Officer was transferred to Constable John Willis. Since his appointment in July last, Constable Willis has had 132 cases in court, securing convictions in all but six cases. He has proved himself an efficient and careful officer, showing great forbearance and discretion in the exercise of his important office. He makes almost daily visits to St. Lawrence Market, Western Cattle Market, stock-yards, slaughter-houses, brick-yards, sand-pits, public works, etc., besides examining horses on the streets and inquiring into cases reported at the office. His work is becoming known in every part of the city, and those contemplating cruelty are restrained by a wholesome fear of the consequences.

Our Publication.

The Society has recently issued a work on the aims of Humane Societies, which is probably the most complete of its kind ever published. It extends over 240 pages, is illustrated by 112 engravings, and is replete with interesting stories relating to animals and children. The editorial work was performed by J. George Hodgins, M.A., LL.D. The book can be purchased from the Secretary, or at leading book stores, at 50 cents cloth, and 25 cents paper (postage extra), and it is hoped that every friend of the Humane cause will aid in giving it a wide circulation. No better book could be selected for a birthday present, a Sabbath School library, or a day school text-book.

Legislation Secured.

The Society has secured the passage of a bill entitled, "An Act for the Protection and Reformation of Neglected Children." It has also secured the insertion of a clause in the Municipal Act providing for the licensing and regulating of children selling newspapers. A bill is at present before the Dominion Parliament to make important amendments to the Act for preventing cruelty to animals, and every effort will be made to secure its adoption. The Society is also advocating the appointment of three unsalaried commissioners to conduct the trial of juvenile offenders, with a view to guarding the young from contact with prison life and adult criminals.

Erection of Drinking Fountains.

The need of additional horse-troughs and drinking fountains throughout the city was brought to the attention of the Civic Water Works Committee, and on motion of Ald. Baxter $2,000 was unanimously voted for this purpose. Over twenty fountains have been erected this summer (1888), and others will be added next year. The Society would invite humane citizens of means to erect other fountains in desirable localities. Money could hardly be spent on a more beneficent object.

Work Among Children.

The Public School Board of Toronto have purchased 250 copies of our Humane book for use in the school course, and already the children are very much interested in the Humane cause. In two of the schools Bands of Mercy have been formed, and others will be organized shortly.

The pledge of the Band of Mercy is, "*I will try to be kind to all harmless living creatures, and try to protect them from cruel usage.*" Monthly or fortnightly meetings are held, at which the children relate incidents about animals from their own experience, recite or read stories and sing. They thus become interested in the dumb creation, and are practised in acts of thoughtfulness.

The Half has Not been Told.

The foregoing remarks do not cover one-tenth of the work accomplished by the Society since its organization two years ago. A lively interest has been awakened in the welfare of the dumb creation—the overloading and unmerciful beating of horses, the indiscriminate slaughter of song-birds, the unscientific killing of dogs, and the neglect of cattle in transport to the market, are now regarded as offences, punishable by a consensus of opinion and the laws of the country.

Financial Support Needed.

Unless the friends of the Humane cause place a reasonable income in the hands of the treasurer, very little can be done to extend the work. Through the generosity of a lady member, the Society was enabled to issue its publication, "Aims and Objects," but there is still a large sum due for it. Then it is desirable that a Humane Office should be established, where complaints could be registered, and the general work of the Society properly attended to. Band of Mercy literature is being called for by the schools, and there are many other desirable things to be accomplished. Nothing can be done, however, until the Society's debt is paid.

How to Kill the Society.

Indifference toward the work of the Society will do more harm than positive opposition. A lady member called upon a wealthy citizen a short time ago and asked him for a contribution to the Society. "No," he replied, "I will wait and see if the Society is going to live. I contributed to the old Society, but it succumbed after a feeble career." Those who wish to see the Humane Society defunct, and the dumb and unprotected left without an organized body of friends, cannot do better than follow the above example.

TORONTO HUMANE SOCIETY.

1888. RECEIPTS.

Dec. 6.	Total amount received in Donations and Subscriptions to date	$1,497 96	
	Total amount received from Sale of Book	253 99	
			$1,751 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 6.	Expenditure to date on Society Account (as per Vouchers)	$594 22	
	Amount paid Rev. William Briggs on Book Account	750 00	
	Commissions paid on Sales of Book..	5 55	
			$1,349 77
			402 18
	Amount of Book Contract with Rev. William Briggs.....	1,861 90	
	Less paid him as above	759 00	
			1,111 90
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